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on a complaint sworn to by a girl in the Iowa city, where he had attended college. The Illinois bride—that was to be—was prostrated, her mother has also been taken ill and the disgraced bridegroom attempted suicide soon after his arrest. As the story is told there seems to be little call for sympathizing with the young man. The misfortune of it is that he cannot bear alone the penalty of his folly.

CONSOLIDATION ONLY DELAYED.

The "Greater New York" plans re-

ceived a setback yesterday in the State

Legislature, through the defeat of the bill

providing for a preliminary Commission

to prepare a way for submitting the pro-

posed consolidation to popular vote. But

this will not kill the scheme. It is a

great movement and a popular one, and

it will be carried out before the passage of

many years.

The defeat at Albany has been brought

about by a few politicians. The real

voice of the people of Brooklyn was not

with the opposition to the bill. None

knew better than the men who were

against the measure that if the popular

vote could be reached it would be for the

consolidation. So they set themselves to

the work of seeing that the vote of the

people should be delayed. They suc-

ceeded this time. But they cannot beat

"manifest destiny" to the end.

THE SILENT WEDDING BELLS OF BELLE

FOURCHE.

From Belle Fourche, in Butte County,

South Dakota, comes an earnest and heart-

attuned appeal to the old maids of the

United States to pack their band-boxes

and proceed at once with their pet canaries

and cherished tabbies to that section of

the gleaming and glorious distance West,

where bachelors are as abundant as

banquets of the wedding bell. It is seldom

if ever re-echoed by the neighboring hills.

Why old maids are specially desired by

the would-be Benedicks of Belle Fourche

is not explained by them.

The invitation begins with a simple but

insinuating whoop, which is followed by

an energetic announcement to the old

maids that "this is the country for you

to get free homes, etc." Then a few of

the alluring features of Belle Fourche,

including the coveting cowboy and the

reinsman, are mentioned. After

the spinster's intellect is left to

ponderate on the point of her crocheted

needle, and for a moment it is dazed by

the bewildering possibilities suggested by

the startling proposition. She sees her

chance plainly enough, and is loath to

let it slip. But she pauses, as do we, to

ask this question: Why hold out this

glittering bait to old maids and not to

young maids, young widows and young

girls? What is there in this Belle

Fourche game that would make old

maids alone the victims of its suspicious

saunderings?

The old maid cannot say, and neither

can we. She regards it as a desperate,

last-ditch-like opportunity, and might

jump at it were it not for one thing. The

divorce industry of South Dakota is too

thrilling a success for her placid, ring-

leted brow or neatly arranged sets of

nerves to go up against. The Gordian

knot of matrimony is heavy with such

rapidity at Rapid City that lubricated

as it is, it is slow and snail-paced in com-

parison. Sioux City is all that its name

implies, since the divorce court lawyer

took off his coat and began business in

South Dakota, while there is euphemistic

assurance of the desired result in the

sound of Deadwood to the man or woman

seeking to rive the shackles of conjugal-

ity. Perhaps, too, Belle Fourche is

anxious to enter into competition with

other South Dakota towns in the whole-

sale and retail divorce trade, and this

wide and unreserved invitation to old

maids is only a disguised bid for raw

material for the divorce mill.

At any rate, the old maid hesitates.

has not hesitated to essay her part, and with success. She has compelled recognition for her mental and other qualities and put the time past her when a petticoat was a badge of intellectual inferiority. Yale College has just laid its tribute to her progressive feet. It has decided to admit women to the post-graduate course and to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. The oldest university in Scotland (St. Andrew's) has opened the departments of theology, arts and sciences to her. She is received in the Law School of the New York University, and many colleges of this country and Europe are proud of its women students. The gentle sex has brains and knows how to use them. Adam Bede should have been ashamed of himself.

Recorder SMITH is as positively against the proposed addition of a fourth part to the General Sessions Court as District Attorney NICOLS is in favor of it. Two eminent authorities are thus in direct disagreement as to the necessity for the change. As the decision may involve a very considerable expense to the city, the matter is one which should be very thoroughly reasoned out.

Baby McKee was five years old yesterday. Very likely that birthday party at the White House made for Grandpa Hancock a pleasant diversion from the pursuing thoughts of Behring Sea and the coming Convention at Minneapolis.

SENIOR MATTE, the new Chilean Premier, has only the kindest words and feeling for the United States. A timely expression of reciprocal good will could be expressed by the Administration by the simple act of recalling Minister EGAN.

It is unfortunate that Prof. GAMBER has not so far progressed in his studies of the monkey language that the testimony of the nimble Simians can be taken in the Central Park Menagerie inquiry.

A railway express messenger has killed himself near Middletown because his sweetheart was dead. It was the saddest, but not the bravest thing he could have done in remembrance of her.

The King of the Gilbert Islands has come to take a look at American civilization. He may gather startling ideas by waiting until the Presidential campaign is fairly open.

Not only are Plainfield dogs to be pounded when found running at large, but their owners will be arrested. This ought to keep the streets clear.

The Missouri is at last under way. She bears a big cargo of corn for the starving Russians. No empty expression of good will and sympathy, this.

The March snow made New York and Brooklyn streets things of beauty and cleanliness for a little while this morning.

THE CLEANER.

For a man who claims to have no use for

brag, isn't it funny that Cleveland's bid for

second term should have been made to Gen. Bragg?

If Joe Jefferson accepts the invitation to

represent the American side at the Vienna

exhibition he can later on bill himself in his

great Vienna role.

Russell Harrison has taken to reporting.

His application for admission to the Congress

press galleries as correspondent for the Hie-

lena Journal was filed yesterday.

We pity Patti when we hear of her fighting

with Scotch.

Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show has collapsed

at Kensington. I have often wondered why

it lasted so long.

Prof. Gregoire, who painted landscapes in

Broadway show windows in half a minute, is

in Bellevue with the Jim-Jams. His pictures

had the J.'s to too.

Miss Cecily Dorothy Chandler, who talked

of Japan at Mrs. John Westcott's last night,

is the daughter of the Empress. She is a daughter

of the late Admiral Chandler, U. S. N., and

granddaughter of the late Henry J. Kneidel,

once collector of this port.

The Annapolis district's new hospital in

Fortieth had no sooner opened its doors yester-

day than there was a patient ready with a

broken arm. Drs. J. H. Eden, David Orr

Edson, R. A. Joyce, J. C. Dunn and J. J.

Quigley will have charge. Dr. Eden fought

long and hard to bring it about.

Herr Padewsky met his double on the

Casino stage last night, an actor who makes

up like the pianist, and plucked a hair from

the latter's wig for a "keepsake." Can Herr

P. be planning the addition of an I. to his

already extensive wig?

That Deacon case grows nastier as it

develops. Now we hear that M. Abelle will

all his property to the youngest Deacon child.

Mrs. Deacon is braced as ever.

Of course the spectators were horrified.

But the crowd which watches any tamer

WOO A WIFE ALWAYS.

And Try to Do as Little Man-

aging of Her as Possible.

This is the Advice of Experienced

Husbands.

Others, Though, Have Elaborate

Plans of Wife Management.

"Art that conceals art," seems to be the idea that contributors to the wife-management discussion proceed upon when they write that there is no such thing as managing a wife. Still many of them go on, after making the assertion, to prove that it is not so. The great deal of managing to keep from a wife the fact that she is being managed. Of course, this is the most difficult task of all, and it may be that it is the most effective way to manage a wife. Contributors, however, are settling this question among themselves, and when the various plans go into the hands of the Judging Committee the value of this suggested method will be passed upon.

Conditions. THE EVENING WORLD will give a gold double eagle to the writer who shows best "How to Manage a Wife." The plan must be contained in two hundred words, written on one side of the paper, have the writer's name and address (not necessarily for publication), and be directed to Wm. Editor, THE EVENING WORLD, P. O. Box 2,354.

Love Will Find the Way.

To the Editor:

There is no such thing as managing a

wife, for if the wife is inclined to be un-

happy, let her husband be ever so good in every

way, she will never be satisfied, and will al-

ways find a way to be disagreeable to him.

So he cannot manage her there. But if he is

kind-hearted and loves her, and she loves him

and his love will teach her to be faithful and

true in all her many duties, and she will need

no managing at all. Love is the only way to

manage a wife. ANTONETTE, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Court Her After Marriage.

To the Editor:

Manage your wife by being the same to her